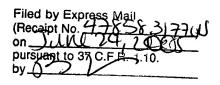
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SIR:

Prior to any action on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows: